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QUANTITIES OF MICROORGANISMS

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR §1.114

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above identified application:

1.	Submission	Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114					
	a	Previously submitted					
	<u>·</u>	Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on:					
	<del></del>	Consider the arguments in the appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on:					
		Other:					
	b. <u>x</u>	Enclosed					
	<u> </u>	Amendment/Reply					
		Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)					
		Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)					
		Other					

2. Miscellaneous

a. \_\_\_ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested

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b. Other:

3. Fees Attached please find:

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X RCE Fee of \$385.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

Other:

Claims	Less Entitlement		Additional Fees				
Presented			Small Entity		Large Entity		
Total	3	Minus	20	x \$9=	0.00	x \$18=	0.00
Indep.	3	Minus	3	x \$43=	0.00	x \$86=	0.00
New Multiple Dep Claims	-0-		x\$145=	0.00	x\$290=	0.00	
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X Check in the amount of \$385.00 enclosed

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2816. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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